

## President and Mrs. Galt Will Marry Tomorrow

Bride, One of Washington's Most Beautiful Women, Has Never Looked More Lovely and Attractive—She Is a Woman of Simple Tastes, Fond of Books and Traveling and an Excellent House-keeper.

THE wedding of the president of the United States and Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt at the bride's Washington home on the evening of Saturday, Dec. 18, electrifies an entire nation, peculiarly susceptible to the heart appeal to a country witnessing the marriage of its first citizen.

With a ceremony so simple and with attendants so few one can scarcely believe that the wedding means a new life for the president and a new "first lady of the land."

Mrs. Galt, one of the most beautiful women in Washington of the old Virginia stock, never looked more lovely than she did as the date for the wedding approached. And even the most cynical recognizes the genuineness of the elation and buoyancy of the president, who under the spell of his bride has been literally "made over."

On Dec. 28 the president will be fifty nine years old. Less than a year ago

functions more brilliant than those which will be held in the White House after the return of the president and his bride from their honeymoon. She is a gracious and brilliant entertainer, although she has taken little part in social activities during the past eight years. Of course there will be trouble in arranging the diplomatic dinners because of the European war, but the president's bride is somewhat of a diplomat herself and will find a way out. Many receptions have been planned, and Washington society is rejoicing.

Washington has often noted with complimentary phrases the bride's taste in dress. Her friends have always remarked her ability to dress distinctively and becomingly. Back of this ability lies a talent cultivated in the girlhood days. Money was not overabundant in the Bolling family. There was enough to give everybody the education due the standing of an old and influential Virginia family, but

her judgment in a matter so intimate and vital," was one comment.

This side light is further emphasized in her manner of traveling. She selects her route and her companion, makes her arrangements and sets out sanely. According to another of her friends, she is one "of the most alive and vivid women" imaginable.

An alive and vivid woman she appears in her travels. Two years ago, with Miss Alice Gertrude Gordon, she made a tour of Spain—not the Spain of the cities, but the bypaths of the unfrequented Spain.

Between Miss Gordon and the bride the warmest friendship exists. Called to General Gordon's deathbed, her promise to "look after Gertrude" has resulted in a devoted friendship cemented by long periods of travel in far-off lands. Sentimental only is the tie of "guardianship" which many in Washington, even the closest of friends, consider exists between Miss Gordon and the president's helpmate. However, so devoted is she to her young companion "Altrude" (a play on the given names of Alice Gertrude) that even her business affairs have many times received the steady influence of her oversight.

### Fine "Poor Man's Wife."

To turn to the purely domestic side, she is an excellent housekeeper, and she has a reputation for retaining not only the good will but the co-operation of her domestics. She herself can work out a menu admirably, and if the necessity arose she could personally "get up" a palatable dinner. She is clever at the Sunday evening supper table (a distinctive feature of southern households), and her handling of the chafing

### Maybe Near-Beer in 1916.

If the proper permit can be secured from the city council and the proper location found, Robert Cofelt and Harvey Greenwood plan to start a near-beer saloon and soft drink parlor in the near future. The location that is meeting with the favor of the promoters is the vacant storeroom in the city bank building, and they anticipate no trouble in getting the permit from the city. From the reports received on the near-beer dispensed in Portland at the Land Products show it seems that the new product is in every way equal to the real thing except that the "kick" is lacking.

### Play Shed For Children Completed.

Through the efforts of the Independence Parent-Teachers' association a large play shed has been built on the school grounds for the children. The building was nearly entirely paid for

by popular subscription taken this fall by a committee of ladies, but to make the final settlement a benefit program was given at the Isis theater on Friday evening. Other benefits may be given in the near future.

### Roy Anderson Breaks Leg.

While hunting mistletoe on Sunday Roy J. Anderson, who lives in the vicinity of Salem, slipped from a tree and broke one of his legs. The young man was searching for the holiday decoration in trees about two and one-half miles from the river, in this county.

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### THE PRESIDENT AND HIS BRIDE.

the trace of a very eventful year was written unmistakably into his face and physique. Especially did he show the stress and travail which he has undergone during the last five years. Today, apparently without a care in the world, he looks less than fifty. His air of austere reserve has melted away, and he is all graciousness. Nobody can doubt that under the influence of the simple, gracious, companionable woman he has won, "the year at the spring" for him. Moreover, he developed an enthusiasm in his courtship that proved a delight and surprise for those who thought they knew him best.

### The "Something Blue."

The same turquoise bracelet worn by other brides of this administration—Mrs. Francis Bowes Sayre and Mrs. William Gibbs McAdoo—adorns the arm of the president's bride. It is the property of Miss Margaret Wilson and supplies the "something borrowed and something blue" necessary to carry out the old bridal superstition.

The "something old" is a piece of rare old rose point from a famous Bolling collection. The wedding gown, of course, provides the "something new."

The Galt home in Twentieth street was put in spick and span order for the ceremony and the festivities incident thereto. The floral scheme is on an elaborate order, having been worked out by experts of the White House conservatories.

The tall mirrored mantel in the drawing room, which has been done over in American Beauty tints, is banked with lilies of the valley and Killarney roses. The tall palms which have formed part of the decorations at all White House weddings since that of Nellie Grant have been placed in the drawing room.

The dining room, the scene of the wedding feast, is one of the most interesting rooms in the house. The long mahogany table, an heirloom in the bride's family, has been polished to ultra brightness. The old fashioned buffet is laden with gifts of scores of friends and with the hand wrought silver of the Bolling family.

The country has never witnessed

cash to buy trousseaux ad lib for a family of girls remarkable for their beauty and popularity was not always available, wherefore Miss Edith Bolling began to utilize her gift for line and form and for color and design. Twenty-five years ago in Wytheville, Va., the new first lady as a girl in her teens developed a great reputation in the large family connection for her ability to buy, to cut out, to fit and to make up divers frocks for divers occasions. So, too, with hats. She has great skill in the building of a hat. She can "poise a wing" or twist a ribbon into a bow with the skill of a trained hand.

### Not Fond of Jewelry.

"She has less jewelry than any member of the family," said one of the connection the other day. "I should say she had no favorite gem. The opal is her birthstone and is seen in the hand, some bodice jewels, brooches or rings she possesses. She never cared for jewels, even as a young girl."

The bride is fond of flowers. No matter what the blossom, its color, its fragrance, its shape, its size, she is fond of flowers. The president's earliest remembrance took the form of exquisite clusters of orchids, sometimes white, sometimes yellow, sometimes mauve. Huge clusters of rich red roses sometimes replaced the orchids, and again bunches of lilies of the valley beautified the smart toilets in which she appeared either in public or in the drawing rooms of her friends.

A few books showed the president's thoughtfulness from time to time. While not either bookish or a "blue-stocking," the bride is a remarkably well informed woman. She has made nine or ten trips to Europe, and each time she has gone she has stopped for periods varying from six months to a year. She is keenly observant, and she delights in leisurely touring about in unfrequented paths.

### A Simple Woman.

"You may take it from me, Edith never does anything for effect or because it is considered 'the thing to do.' She is in love with the man Woodrow Wilson. The glamour of the White House did not attract her or influence

dish on these occasions conduces to the good digestion which waits on appetite.

She is a familiar figure in the Washington markets, her smart little run-about many times being filled with the more perishable fruits of her domestic shopping.

Altogether she would make a "fine wife for a poor man."

She is open handed and generous, a devoted church woman and until quite recently a member of St. Thomas' Episcopal church. She now attends St. Margaret's, where her brother, Richard Wilmer Bolling, is an usher and where her mother, Mrs. W. H. Bolling; her unmarried brother, John Randolph Bolling, and her sister, Miss Bertha Bolling, also attend.

### Fond of Young People.

"To show the younger contingent a good time" is one of her attributes. Not less is she considerate of the aged. Many instances of her looking up the invalid and elderly and taking them for drives about the parks are recorded. The mother of a young southern woman employed in one of the government departments came to visit her daughter, whom the president's bride had frequently met. Almost daily throughout the visit she appeared either in the afternoon or morning and acted as cicerone.

As to her accomplishments, the bride, possessing an avid mind and having traveled extensively—she has passed some time in every country in Europe and has traveled throughout the United States, Canada and Alaska—is thoroughly in touch with the thought and development of the life of the day. She speaks French well. She is a talented pianist. Her fine mezzo soprano voice, while untrained, is admirably suited to ballad singing. She is fond of singing. So also is the president, who himself has a good voice.

Finally she is well poised, "very human" and thoroughly unaffected and sincere. Not only charmingly pretty, she has the distinction of manner and carriage which will admirably conform to the role she is soon to assume—chateaine of the White House and first lady of the land.

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